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49 (new). The composition of claim 48 wherein said oxidation promoting metal salt catalyst comprises a cobalt carboxylate salt.

REMARKS

In this application in response to the Restriction Requirement in the parent application, the claims of Group I (claims 1-8, 11-17, 19-23, 34, 37 and 38) are presented. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 47-49 have been added to define further features of Applicants' invention. Claims 47-49 correspond, respectively, to claims 29-31 of the parent application.

Applicants submit that claims 1-8, 11-17, 19-23, 34, 37, 38 and 47-49 are patentable and should be allowed.

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